



## MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Poirier, Elizabeth Andrews, Ann Freed, Douglas Thomas, Andrew Garrett, Josie Kaanehe, MaryAnne Selander, Jessie Weinberger, David Bremer, Mary Segura, Keith Hamada, Lulani Arquette, William Bass, Karen Loomis, Charlie Remington.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carole Siegel, William Brizee, Pua Iuli, Linnel Nishioka, Grace Abatayo, Marie, Abatayo, Noel Araki.

**GUESTS:** Representative Marilyn Lee, Lt. Nishihara (Honolulu Police Department, Wahiawa Station), Captain Bruno Samala, Engineer Warren Faruot, Firefighters Rich Yanagida and Doug Youth (Honolulu Fire Department - Mililani Station), Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office), Don Robbins (KaNupepa), Wes. Frysztacki, Michelle Kidani (Mayor's Office), Rod Haraga (Governor's Office), Mrs. Haraga, Pat Lee and Jennifer Russell (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Staff Sgt. Gerald Mark (3BCT-Schofield Barracks), Kelly Rodriguez (T-Mobile), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2006:** The following correction/additions were made:

Page 4, Questions, answers and comments, the following items should read.

- "...2) **Bremer asked if there would be any changes to express service. Burke replied that** there is currently no anticipation of changes to the express bus service in the area and **Burke** stated the express bus is the least efficient cost ride for a rider..."
- "...3) **Bremer commented that less than two buses per hour travel on Kamehameha Highway to Mililani even during peak afternoon hours. Bremer said that wait times frequently are as long as 45 minutes to more than an hour with afternoon traffic keeping buses from running on schedule. Bremer suggested that a hub route for Mililani is needed on Kamehameha Highway with at least four buses per hour. He noted that before learning there was a new Transit Plan being developed, he submitted seven different proposals to Burke for increased services to Mililani on Kamehameha Highway during rush hour. After he received the Transit Plan from Burke, he suggested routing both Routes 50 and 51 through Kipapa Gulch on Kamehameha Highway to Mililani instead of the proposed plan in which Route 50 travels on the H-2 through Kipapa Gulch to Mililani. This would result in four buses instead of two buses per hour on Kamehameha Highway thus reducing average wait time at Ka Uka on Kamehameha Highway with a bus arriving an average of once every 15 minutes. Bremer also suggested that if no other changes was possible, at least providing one shared stop on Kamehameha Highway would enable riders to wait at that stop for buses scheduled every fifteen minutes instead of half-hour apart. Bremer referred to a proposal that he had submitted suggesting that Route 50 turn right at Lumiauau instead of continuing directly across Kamehameha Highway on Lumiaina. Route 50 then could turn left on Kamehameha, service the Kamehameha bus stop north of Lumiauau, then turn right back onto Lumiaina. Burke replied it would not be a problem to re-route the bus onto Lumiauau Street. Bremer noted the Route 62 bus does not arrive on schedule and commented that he had heard from another bus rider that an average of 70 buses per day are cancelled. Burke noted there is no shortage of 70 buses pr day...**"
- "...4) **In response to a question by another Board member, Burke explained that** Route 503 does not make a complete loop through the valley because the upper part is privately owned.



- "...5) **Burke assured that** follow would be done regarding a concern expressed by **Weinberger** about Routes 504 and 505 stopping service at 7:00 p.m..."
- 6) Relative to a comment by **Bremer that the proposed Mililani-bound Route 51 turning right off Kamehameha Highway onto Lanikuhana Avenue could be hazardous because a bus stop by that intersection would be unsafe** due to cars turning right onto that street, Burke said it would be placed on the far side of Anania Street. **Bremer responded that would be an inconvenient location for a stop for those riders living on the other side of Kamehameha Highway.** Burke replied they could get off at the Mililani Transit station and wait for a spoke route bus to take them back down to their neighborhood. **Bremer noted that to wait for still another bus would make the commute very lengthy..."**

Page 8, Representative Marilyn Lee. Item 1 **delete second sentence.**

Page 9, New Business, Resolution 06-147 should read, "...the motion carried 14-0-1, with Thomas abstaining.

**Without objections the April 2006 regular meeting minutes were accepted as amended.**

#### **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

**Honolulu Fire Department** – Firefighter Yanagida gave the following report:

Statistics for the month of April included fires 3, medical emergencies 17, and 4 miscellaneous calls.

Fire Safety Tip: 1) Brushfires cause great damage in our communities and use resources that could be better utilized elsewhere. Be responsible and dispose of all fires properly. Even small sources of fires, such as cigarettes can cause immense destruction. Work together with your community to make it safer. Make and maintain a 30-foot wide firebreak by cleaning the vegetation surrounding all structures. Report and remove hazards. Communicate with each other. Formulate plans for yourself, family, and your neighborhood in case of emergencies. 2) Fireworks safety tips were also reported.

Questions, answers and comments:

Per the medical emergencies statistics all 17 calls required an ambulance and were all in the Mililani Town area.

Honolulu Fire Department, Mililani Station was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Honolulu Police Department** – Lt. Nishihara reported the following:

- 1) Statistics for the month of April included 15 burglaries, 35 UEMV (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle), and 15 auto thefts. Due an arrest made for auto theft and one for UEMV, there was a 20% reduction in property crimes.
- 2) Two bank robberies occurred in Mililani – American Savings Bank on April 14 and Hawaii USA Credit Union on April 29. Relative to the Hawaii USA Credit Union robbery, an off-duty officer was in the bank and tackled the robber who dropped the money and fled. The suspect was apprehended, arrested and charged on May 5.

Questions, answers and comments: Throughout the years, property crime statistics for Mililani has not changed much.

Lt. Nishihara was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Military** – Staff Sgt. Gerald Mark reported 3,000 soldiers have returned from training in California. He reminded everyone to expect an increase in traffic, due to heavy equipment returning to Schofield from California. A deployment ceremony will be held on July 7, 2006 for soldiers deploying to Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Gerald Mark was thanked for attending the meeting.

**O'ahu Arts Center** – Charlie Remington reported the following:

- 1) Upcoming Events: a) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, Kapolei Golf Course on May 12, Achieved Participation Goals; b) Night of the Arts, Planned for August 26, "Wizard of Oz", Live performance coming in October.
- 2) Next Board Meeting will be held on May 30, 5:30 p.m. at the Castle & Cooke Real Estate Sales Office.

Charlie Remington was thanked for his report.

**Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project** – Deferred until later in the meeting.

**Recognition Awards:** Chair Poirier and Board Member Selander presented Board member Josie Hart Kaanehe lei and a certificate of recognition:

The Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 recognizes Mililani Resident Josephine Hart Kaanehe for your hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievements in the service of your community. Your being named as Honolulu's 2006 Police Officer of the Year is truly and inspiration to us all.

On behalf of the 51 members of the House of Representatives, Representative Marilyn Lee presented Kaanehe with lei and a certificate award.

**Other Community Concerns** – There were no other community concerns.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Proposed T-Mobile Antenna at Cathedral Point-Melemanu Woodlands:** Kelly Rodriguez, consultant for T-Mobile, circulated a handout relative to the proposed antenna site at Cathedral Point, Waipio Acres. Included in the handout were photo simulations of the proposed site from different directions. The color of the plastic screen would match the surrounding penthouse stairwells and surrounding areas. Dimensions of the storage cabinets will be six-feet long by eight and a half feet wide and four feet in depth.

Discussion followed:

- 1) Kaanehe asked if the noise would affect the residents below. Rodriguez replied the antenna makes a whirling sound like air conditioners, and would be no louder than fans. The Cathedral Point Association had a meeting and the surrounding neighbors were notified.
- 2) Freed spoke in favor of the project and sees no impact to the neighborhood.

Kelly Rodriguez was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Update:** Jennifer Russell and Pat Lee gave the following overview for the proposed projects corridor, alternatives, and schedules:

The project corridor would run from Kapolei through Ewa, Waipahu, Pearl City Aiea, Downtown to the University of Hawaii.

Growth projections in 2000 ranked Mililani seventh in population; 2030 ranks Mililani at tenth in population growth.

Alternative Analysis – The Honolulu City Council use to select locally preferred alternative. Required by the Federal Transit Administration are cost estimates, revenue estimates, transportation benefits, and environmental, social and economic effects.

- ❑ Alternative 1: No build alternative: a) existing bus system, with expansion only to support growth. b) Projects committed in the O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan – North-South Road; Leeward Commuter Ferry; H-1 and Farrington Highway widening; H-1 Carpool (HOV) lanes (Makakilo-Waiawa) PM Zipper lane.
- ❑ Alternative 2: Transportation System Management Alternative – construction of low-cost new facilities (transit centers); aggressive improvements to bus system and services; everything included in no build.

- ❑ Alternative 3: Managed Lane Alternative – Construction of two-lane grade separated guide way (Waipahu to Downtown Honolulu; managed use of lanes, to maintain free-flow speeds for buses; may also allow high-occupancy vehicles; toll-paying single-occupant vehicles (with variable pricing).
- ❑ Alternative 4: Fixed Guide way Alternative: Fixes guide way system – high capacity, reliable travel times, integrated with bus, parking, walking. Multiple alignment options. Potential station locations identified.

Schedule: December 2005, Scoping meetings completed; January – October 2006, technical studies and public outreach; November 2006, issue alternatives analysis report; November/December 2006, public hearing on alternatives analysis; and December 2006, City Council selects locally preferred alternative.

For more information log on to [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org), and communicate with your council members.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Bremer commented it would make more sense to add Mililani, Wahiawa, and Waiawa to the plans.
- 2) Thomas asked if the Central O'ahu Sustainability Plan would be changed. Russell replied it is not in the High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project plans.
- 3) Freed mentioned that Mililani will have 26,000 new homes in the future, and that is approximately an increase of 50,000 more people. Russell answered the numbers are included in the statistics.
- 4) Selander challenged the numbers. Russell replied the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) provided the statistics that are being refined by the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Lee explained the projects have not yet gone through the process, and the numbers are proposed projects.
- 5) Relative to the statistics regarding growth in Mililani, Chair Poirier noted that according to County Department of Planning and Permitting statistics, the numbers provided do not make sense. The Ewa Development Plan and the Central Oahu Sustainability Communities Plan allows for more growth in Central Oahu than Ewa, which is supposed to be Oahu's Second Urban Center. In addition, concerns to be addressed are supposed to be about the congestion here and now, not growth. The Board would like to be part of the initial planning to include bus incorporation now, not later.
- 6) OMPO zoning areas are being reviewed and have been broken down to 25. Central O'ahu is not included because according to statistics growth in Ewa would be greater. Currently, the bus system is being restructured to service a fixed rail guide way system and feeder systems. All alternatives are being optimized.
- 7) In response to Selander there are no referendums. Three referendums in Seattle were voted down. There are concerns if people's land is taken. However, commercial parcels are being looked at, no residential. The land has to be acquired with the City through friendly negotiations. Lee mentioned he wouldn't know if land would be acquired until the project reaches the design stage.
- 8) The project is not only for commuter traffic.
- 9) Freed noted why not have a combination of an elevated spur to Aloha Stadium.
- 10) Relative to a terminus from Waipahu to Downtown, park and rides would be provided from Farrington Highway to Kamehameha Highway.
- 11) New bus routes 502 and 503 have been added to Mililani Mauka.
- 12) Garrett asked if the commuter would have to pay for the park and ride and transit. The reply it is unsure if there would be charges for the park and ride if they were built with the system. Parking spots however would be determined.
- 13) Chair Poirier suggested the source of the OMPO report be checked.
- 14) Representative Lee noted there is no one fix.

- 15) Bremer stated the City is currently under funded for bus service, and raised concerns that this project could bankrupt the City. Lee answered if nothing is done now things will get worse. Bremer questioned what happens in 2050 when the rail system is obsolete. Lee replied the question is not realistic.
- 16) Selander stated changes occurred in the past 10 years because of no infrastructure planning.
- 17) Freed mentioned Europe banned private vehicles within City limits.
- 18) Chair Poirier pointed out that near the H-2 and Koa Ridge there is a major park and ride. He noted a study done showed rider ship is large in the Mauka area. Follow up on the park and ride would be done.

Jennifer Russell and Pat Lee were thanked for attending the meeting.

**REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor's Representative** – Michelle Kidani, of the Mayor's Office, reported the following

- 1) Congratulated Board member Josie Kaanehe for being named Police Officer of the year 2006.
- 2) Follow up to last month's question if the City still provides paint for residents who want to paint out graffiti – Yes, volunteers that are willing to assist the Parks Department paint out graffiti at City Parks should contact Mr. Clint Jamile at 692-5852. She added that Mililani Town Association has kits available for graffiti paint overs.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Selander commented when paint is issued cover graffiti make sure it matches the area to be painted over.
- 2) Kaanehe noted HPD suggests taking a picture first before painting over, and turned over to them for evidence.
- 3) Chair Poirier asked for follow up on the following: a) Waena Park - trash cans near the tennis courts have not been placed; b) will there be a dedication ceremony at Waena Park; c) Will the banyan tree that was removed near the entrance to Waena Park be replaced. Follow up will be done.

Michelle Kidani was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Councilmember Nestor Garcia** – Lori Kunioka distributed Councilmember Garcia's written report and highlighted/added the following:

- 1) Traffic Calming: Following last month's Neighborhood Board meeting, the office met with neighborhood board members, Mililani High School board and administration, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) representative and Rep. Marilyn Lee to discuss options. Based on the discussion and issues presented, the group decided that the traffic calming device will be modified by "shaving back" the existing raised edge of the lower device. DTS will also consider installing flashing median markers at the bottom of the hill.
- 2) Rehabilitation of Streets in Mililani: 1) Lanikuhana Avenue, Meheula Parkway, Ainamakua Drive, Makaikai Street, Ukuwai Street, and Kipapa Drive began May 2. 2) Currently root trimming and curb work ongoing. 3) Asphalt paving should begin by the end of June, depending on the availability of asphalt.
- 3) Bill 51 (06)-Waipio Zone Change: 1) rezoning request from P-2 to R-10 with a 25-foot height limit, passed first reading on May 17, 2006. (Issue not on the July Zoning Committee meeting schedule)
- 4) Next Zoning Committee meeting scheduled for July 5, 2006.
- 5) Board members Pua Iuli and Charlie Remington were thanked for their outstanding work as emcees for a Taste in Mililani.

Questions, answers and comments:

Kaanehe thanked Kunioka for her help in applying for a \$5,000 grant from the Mayor's Anti-Drug Community Fund grant. She noted that she did get the grant.

Lori Kunioka was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Governor's Representative** – Rod Haraga, Director of the Department of Transportation/Governor's Office, reported the following:

- 1) Governor Lingle's Weekly Updated was available for interested persons to review.
- 2) Offered paint from his base yard to help with eradicating graffiti.
- 3) Go Airlines will start inter-island service on June 9. The cost for round trip tickets purchased by May 22 is \$59.00. Travel must be done from June through September.
- 4) Due to the shortage of asphalt, all resurfacing has stopped statewide. Per Tesoro refinery, the next shipment of crude oil (use to make asphalt) should arrive in early June. Tesoro plans to build a new 1,000-barrel tank to store crude oil. All state resurfacing projects should start at the end of June. Potholes continue to be patched.
- 5) Three public hearing will be held relative to the super ferry.
- 6) The Click It or Ticket Campaign runs from May 15 – June 3, Any person not wearing a seat belt would be subject to a \$92.00 fine with zero tolerance. Fliers were available for interested person to review.
- 7) H-1 widening project would include repairing the entire stretch to the airport. Five test patches of concrete are currently on the highway. The test patches will be checked in mid-June, when the choice of concrete will be made. Next year the resurfacing to the airport and back will be done.
- 8) H-1 westbound closures June 2-3 from 9:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. to finalize the project.
- 9) Repaving – Mililani/KaUka interchange off H-2, Kamehameha Highway, to Wheeler, to the Fast Stop.
- 10) H-2 restriping will be done during weekdays.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) In response to Chair Poirier relative to receipt of a letter stating Grace Pacific is the contractor for repaving, Haraga said due to the asphalt shortage the work has been extended day by day.
- 2) Garrett asked about the recent theft of copper wire for lights along the H-2 Freeway. Haraga said HPD is working on the thefts. A contract is out for replacement. Kaanehe suggested have the recycle company monitor who recycles by asking for identification and keeping a list of persons recycling copper wire.
- 3) Thomas commented he saw bushes surrounding the soundproof wall that is covered with graffiti.
- 4) Per the circulated picture of the H-1 widening project, Garrett asked if there are plans to add an extra lane. Haraga responded there would be seven lanes in the afternoon, with a twelve-foot shoulder, and having to merge only once.

Rod Haraga was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Senator Ron Menor** – No representative was present.

**Representative Marilyn Lee** – Representative Lee circulated her written report with the accomplishments of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislature. She highlighted/added the following:

- 1) Capital Improvement Project funding for Mililani: a) \$1.5 million was requested for additional costs for Mililani's 10- classroom building. She was pleased to announce that \$1.9 million additional was allotted for this project. Governor Lingle released 5 million two weeks ago it looks like the 10 classrooms would be completed as planned (2007). b) Mililani High School new phone system \$80,000. c) \$2 million for Mililani Waena Elementary and Mililani Uka Elementary Schools renovations. d) In addition, Mililani Waena got \$450,000 to renovate the Special Education classrooms. e) Mililani Uka Elementary will have air conditioning of the Administration building. f) Prior to the next school year, trailers will be installed at Mililani Ike Elementary School. \$400,000 has been appropriated for restrooms to go along with the trailers.
- 2) All Mililani Schools received monies (one time) to make up for loses received from the weighted student formula.
- 3) Won the top prize of \$2,500 for the HMSA sponsored "Legislators on the Go Walk". Her prize money was shared among all her area schools.
- 4) The Mililani Anti-Drug Committee favors the drug bills relating to requesting that the Department of Health rules for rehabilitation houses being used for drug manufacturing houses set standards.
- 5) Relative to traffic, an additional new position for safety coordinator.

Representative Marilyn Lee was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Representative Ryan Yamane** – Rep. Lee mentioned that Rep. Yamane was on a trip to Japan.

#### **COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS –**

**Treasurer's Report:** Remington reported Operating Account balance is \$659.39; the Publicity Account is \$619.92; and \$111.75 remains in the Refreshment Account.

Charlie Remington was thanked for the report.

There were no Committee and other reports.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Motion Regarding the Location of a T-Mobile Telecommunications Antenna Cathedral Point-Melemanu Woodlands:**

Thomas moved and seconded by Arquette in support of the proposed T-Mobile Antenna at Cathedral Point, Melemanu Woodlands. The motion carried unanimously, 15-0-0.

##### **Resolution Regarding Proposed Waiawa Development Project:**

Thomas moved and seconded by Selander that Neighborhood Board No. 25, the City and county of Honolulu to require a supplemental review of the development requested to assure that the proposals consistent with current regional transportation and educational infrastructure needs; and be it further resolved that the State of Hawaii Environmental Council be asked to rule on the currency and sufficiency of the environmental review of the propose project (attached). The motion carried 14-0-1, with Garrett abstaining.

##### **Resolution Opposing Selected Provisions of the Proposed Central O'ahu Regional Transit Plan:**

Bremer read the resolution. Bremer moved and seconded by Bass be it resolved that the Central O'ahu Regional Transit Plan be revised to provide bus service at least every fifteen minutes on the Kamehameha Highway hub route either by adding a hub route circulating between the Waipahu Transit Center and the Mililani Transit Center or by increasing Route 50 and 51 frequency to four buses per hour on each route.

Discussion followed: Hamada amended the first whereas to change hub to corridor. Both Bremer and Bass accepted. **The resolution was adopted unanimously, 15-0-0.**

**Resolution Opposing Resolution 06-081 Urging the Department of Planning and Permitting to Appropriate Budget for the Five-Year Review of the Central O'ahu Sustainable Communities Plan:**

**Thomas moved and seconded by Arquette that Neighborhood Board No. 25 in the strongest terms urges that revisions to the Central O'ahu Sustainable Communities Plan be accomplished at the earliest possible date rather than as is now likely to be accomplished; and be it further resolved that is a more timely revision than that currently planned cannot be accomplished a moratorium be imposed on further development until such time as the Central O'ahu Sustainable Communities Plan is revised and approved by the City Council.**

**The resolution was adopted 12-0-3, with Bass, Hamada, and Garrett abstaining.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Board will recess in June. Next Board Meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 26, 2006** at Mililani Recreation Center III, at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Poirier adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by Chair Dick Poirier